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**Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association Announces Award Recipient**

*Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Angelle*

*presented with LMOGA's Blue Heron Award*

**Baton Rouge, La** ---Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association announced its 2011 Blue Heron Award recipient Thursday, March 24, at the association's 2011 annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Angelle was presented with the award, which recognizes exceptional environmental stewardship in association with oil and gas activity as well as the unique efforts of the recipient to address the compatibility of the industry with environmental progress.

Governor Bobby Jindal said, "Scott has been a warrior for our people and our coast. He has fought tirelessly to help get our people back to work after the federal government implemented a job-killing deepwater drilling moratorium and a de facto moratorium on shallow water drilling. That's why we made Scott our point man with the federal government so he could cut through the red tape and get permits flowing again so we can help fuel America and put our people back to work."

LMOGA's Board of Directors selected Sec. Angelle for the 2011 Blue Heron Award in recognition of his leadership following the April 20 Deepwater Horizon incident. Sec. Angelle played a key role in coordinating response efforts to preserve and protect Louisiana's coast in the wake of the spill. The secretary was instrumental in communicating to the country the economic hardships caused by the drilling moratorium and the importance of the Gulf of Mexico energy industry to Gulf Coast communities and the entire nation.

*Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, founded in 1923, is a trade association exclusively representing all sectors of the oil and gas industry operating in Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. LMOGA serves exploration and production, refining, transportation, marketing and mid stream companies as well as other firms in the fields of law, engineering, environment, financing and government relations.*

*LMOGA's mission is to promote and represent the oil and gas industry operating in Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico by extending representation of our members in the Louisiana Legislature, state and federal regulatory agencies, the Louisiana congressional delegation, the media and the general public.*

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